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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

Review of part two: biennial programme plan by sectoral, functional and regional bodies

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat provides herewith information on the review of the proposed part two: biennial programme plan, of the strategic framework for the period 2008-2009 by relevant sectoral, functional and regional bodies.

2. Annexes I to IV provide an overview of action taken by the relevant intergovernmental bodies and by the Secretariat. The relevant documents, as available, can be provided to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as necessary.

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Annex I

Overview of action taken on the review of part two: biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009 by relevant intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
1. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services	Committee on Conferences	-	The Committee on Conferences will meet after CPC from 11 to 15 September 2006
2. Political affairs			
Subprogramme 1. Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	None	-	-
Subprogramme 2. Electoral assistance	None	-	-
Subprogramme 3. Security Council affairs	Security Council	-	The Council does not review the Department's objectives or workplans
Subprogramme 4. Decolonization	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples		The proposed biennial programme plan has not been reviewed by the Special Committee
Subprogramme 5. Question of Palestine	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	-	The draft proposed biennial programme plan was brought to the attention of the Bureau of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The Bureau approved the biennial programme plan as proposed for subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine, in (A/61/6 (Prog. 2))

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
Subprogramme 6. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	None	-	-
3. Disarmament	Disarmament Commission	-	-
4. Peacekeeping operations	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	-	The proposed biennial programme plan was not reviewed
5. Peaceful uses of outer space	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	A/AC.105/L.266/ Add.4	The Committee reviewed and agreed to the biennial programme plan as proposed in (A/61/6 (Prog. 5))
6. Legal affairs			
Subprogrammes 1, 2, 4 and 6	None	-	-
Subprogramme 3. Progressive development and codification of international law	International Law Commission	-	The Commission reviewed all elements related to its work during the visit of the Legal Counsel on 18 July 2006. During the debate, several members appreciated the invaluable assistance that the Codification Division is providing to the Commission, in particular the research on various topics of international law, preparation of numerous legal publications and dissemination of information concerning the Commission's work on the Internet, and decided that that support should continue

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
Subprogramme 5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	-	The Bureau of the Commission, composed of representatives from the five geographical regions, will review all elements related to the work of the Commission by the end of September 2006
7. Economic and social affairs			
Subprogramme 1. Economic and Social Council support and coordination	None	-	-
Subprogramme 2. Gender issues and advancement of women	Commission on the Status of Women	-	The Commission met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 3. Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	-	The Commission met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 4. Sustainable development	Commission on Sustainable Development	-	The Commission met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 5. Statistics	Statistical Commission	-	The Commission met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan

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Subprogramme 6. Population	Commission on Population and Development	-	The Commission met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 7. Development policy and analysis	None	-	-
Subprogramme 8. Public administration and development management	Committee of Experts on Public Administration	-	The Committee met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 9. Sustainable forest management	United Nations Forum on Forests	-	The Commission met prior to the issuance of document A/61/6 (Prog. 7) and therefore did not review the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 10. Financing for development	None	-	-
8. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing countries	None	-	-
9. United Nations Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	None	-	-
10. Trade and development			
Subprogrammes 1-5 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))	Trade and Development Board/Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	TD/B/WP/L.119/ Rev.1	The Working Party met and reviewed the relevant section of the proposed biennial programme plan on 28 and 29 June 2006. Proposed revisions are contained in annex III

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
Subprogramme 6 (International Trade Centre (ITC))	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/World Trade Organization	-	The Joint Advisory Group convened from 24 to 28 April 2006 and reviewed the overall strategic orientation of ITC. Comments have been duly incorporated in document A/61/6 (Prog. 10)
11. Environment	Governing Council of UNEP	-	The Council has not reviewed the proposed biennial programme plan. However, the UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives held a meeting on 9 May 2006 at which the proposed biennial programme plan for 2008-2009 was reviewed. The views expressed have subsequently been taken into account in document A/61/6 (Prog. 11)
12. Human settlements	Governing Council of UN-Habitat	-	The Council is expected to approve the proposed biennial programme plan at its annual meeting in April 2007. On 17 May 2006, the Habitat Committee of Permanent Representatives reviewed the proposed biennial programme plan. The views of the Committee have been reflected in the document A/61/6 (Prog. 12)

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
13. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission on Narcotic Drugs	-	The proposed biennial programme plan 2008-2009 could not be reviewed by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the two Commissions met in March and April 2006, respectively, before the proposed biennial programme plan was finalized. However, the final biennial programme plan was subsequently brought to the attention of the Chairmen and extended bureaux of the Commissions at their meetings, held on 8 and 22 June 2006, respectively. At those meetings, the extended bureaux of the Commissions agreed to circulate the biennial programme plan for 2008-2009 to delegations of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for review and comments. As of 25 July 2006, observations were received from four member States, three of which are members of the two Commissions and one of which is a member of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs only. Those comments and observations are contained in annex IV

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
14. Economic and social development in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	-	The main outcome of a review process of repositioning ECA to better respond to Africa's emerging challenges, carried out by ECA early in 2006, was endorsed by the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in May 2006. Moreover, the African Union Summit, held in Banjul in July 2006, welcomed the commitment by the Executive Secretary of ECA to strengthening and repositioning ECA to address Africa's development challenges. The 2008-2009 proposed biennial programme plan for ECA (A/61/6 (Prog. 14)/Rev.1) takes into account the aforementioned developments
15. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific/ Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives	E/ESCAP/1376	The Commission, at its sixty-second session, held from 6 to 12 April 2006, endorsed the proposed overall orientation. The Advisory Committee met on 23 June 2006 to review the proposed biennial programme plan. Proposed revisions are contained in annexes II.A and II.B
16. Economic development in Europe	Group of Experts on the Programme of Work and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)	E/ECE/1444	The Group of Experts on the Programme of Work reviewed the ECE biennial programme plan in January and February 2006. The text was submitted to ECE at its annual session in February 2006; the

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			Commission supported the comments of the Group of Experts and document A/61/6 (Prog. 16) reflects those comments and modifications. It should be noted that the Group of Experts has since been disbanded; its functions have been taken over by the ECE Executive Committee, newly established under the Work Plan on ECE Reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1)
17. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	-	The programme of work was reviewed by the Commission and its views have been taken into account in the preparation of the proposed biennial programme plan
18. Economic and social development in Western Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	-	The twenty-fourth session of the Commission, held from 8 to 11 May 2006, adopted the draft proposed biennial programme plan for 2008-2009, with the understanding that further adjustments may be required in line with decisions arising from the ongoing United Nations reform process
19. Human rights	Human Rights Council	-	The Human Rights Council did not consider the proposed biennial programme plan during its first session, held from 19 to 30 June 2006

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
20. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Standing Committee	-	The Standing Committee will review all elements related to its work at its 37th meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 20 and 21 September 2006
21. Palestine refugees	None	-	-
22. Humanitarian assistance	None	-	-
23. Public information	None	-	-
24. Management and support services	None	-	-
25. Internal oversight	None	-	-
26. Jointly financed activities	None	-	-
27. Safety and security	None	-	-

Annex II

A. Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, based on the review of the plan at the special session of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

1. The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific:

- Page 15.11, second sentence: for "promoting" read "achieving in a progressive manner"
- Strategy Paragraph 15.15, third sentence: delete the words in parentheses
- Subprogramme 2, Statistics, under "Indicators of achievement (a)": replace the words "Increased number of national statistical systems that are able" with "Increased number of national statistical systems, benefiting from ESCAP and Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific assistance, that are able"
- Paragraph 15.18, first sentence: add the following text to the end of the sentence: "with cooperation from other ESCAP divisions."
- Subprogramme 4, Trade and investment, under "Indicators of achievement (a) (ii)": delete the word in parentheses; under "Indicators of achievement (b)(i), (c) and (d)", delete the parentheses and add "and other" after "officials"
- Paragraph 15.20: add the following text at the end of the paragraph: "ESCAP will collaborate with other entities and agencies in the United Nations system, other bilateral and multilateral agencies, regional, subregional and national intergovernmental, private-sector and civil society organizations and networks in Asia and the Pacific."
- Subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism, under "Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat (a)", delete the words "and road safety issues"
- Paragraph 15.23: add the following text at the end of the paragraph: "The subprogramme will accord priority to the special needs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing States."
- Subprogramme 6, Environment and sustainable development: replace the narrative with the new version contained in annex II.B
- Subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology, under "Indicators of achievement (c)(i), (c)(ii) and (d)": replace indicators (c)(i) and (c)(ii) with new indicator (c)(i): "Percentage of policymakers and officials benefiting from activities of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development who indicate that their level of competency has increased in the use of information and communication technology for socio-economic development"; indicator (d) should read: "Increased number of countries participating in technology

transfer mechanisms, supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, including regional networks"

- Paragraph 15.26, last sentence: add "Asia-Pacific Telecommunity" after "the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization"; add the following text at the end of the paragraph: "The subprogramme will accord priority to the special needs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing States."

2. *Secretariat suggestion for modifying legislative mandates*: in the first grouping of General Assembly resolutions, add subprogramme 4 to the subprogrammes in parentheses under resolutions 55/279 and 60/228.

B. Proposed revisions to subprogramme 6

Subprogramme 6
Environment and sustainable development

Objective of the Organization: to improve the environmental sustainability of economic and social development, and natural resources management, in line with internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved national capacity to develop and implement policies and programmes that contribute to green growth	(a) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills in applying a green growth approach
(b) Increased national capacity to develop and apply socio-economic policy instruments to improve environmental management and performance	(b) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who indicate that they can use or have used knowledge and skills in applying socio-economic policy instruments to improve environmental management and performance
(c) Enhanced national capacity to identify effective policies and programmes for efficient and cleaner production, management and use of energy resources on the national, subregional and regional levels	(c) Increased number of measures taken by policymakers and planners in promoting energy security, improving energy efficiency and supporting subregional and regional cooperation in energy sector development
(d) Increased capacity in formulating effective sustainable development policies and strategies on management of water resources and natural disasters	(d) Increased number of measures taken by policymakers and planners that reflect ESCAP-promoted initiatives on management of water resources and natural disasters

Strategy

15.24 The substantive responsibility for the subprogramme lies with the Environment and Sustainable Development Division. The strategic direction of the subprogramme derives mainly from the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the outcomes of the other related major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, the Shanghai Declaration, the outcome of the fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005, and other relevant mandates.

15.24 (bis)The subprogramme will focus on using innovative and pragmatic approaches in promoting equitable and environmentally sustainable economic growth. In the area of energy, the subprogramme will promote energy security, improve energy efficiency, enhance utilization of new and renewable sources of energy and assist in further development of regional and subregional energy cooperation. In the area of water resources, the subprogramme will continue to concentrate on capacity-building in strategic planning to promote integrated water resources management, improved access to safe drinking water and water conservation. In the area of the environment, the subprogramme will focus on improving the environmental performance of major stakeholders and promoting effective regional and subregional collaboration in environmental protection. Regional cooperation will be strengthened for natural disaster management. The strategic focus will be on assisting members and associate members to develop and apply gender responsive policies and programmes, where appropriate, in particular towards attaining Millennium Development Goals 1 and 7. It will comprise closely interrelated sectoral projects and interdisciplinary activities implemented jointly with other divisions within the thematic areas of managing globalization, reducing poverty and addressing emerging social issues. The subprogramme will promote wider participation of all stakeholders, including the civil society, in regional and national decision-making processes relating to sustainable development. The subprogramme will accord priority to the special needs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing States. It will also seek to collaborate with other United Nations agencies and international organizations in the development of tools and networks to support the foregoing projects and interdisciplinary activities.

Annex III

Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 10 (Trade and development), based on the comments of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget

1. Reflecting the decision of the UNCTAD Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, the following amendments to the text are submitted.

Contents
Subprogramme 5

2. The title of the subprogramme and the section headings should read:

"Subprogramme 5. Africa, least developed countries and special programmes

A. Development of Africa

B. Least developed countries

C. Special programmes"

Overall orientation

3. After paragraph 10.2, insert new paragraph 10.3 as follows and renumber the rest of the paragraphs accordingly:

"10.3 The work of UNCTAD in its three pillars, namely, research and analysis, consensus-building and technical cooperation, will be strengthened. The independent analytical capacity of UNCTAD will be enhanced to ensure the high quality of research and analysis necessary to address key issues of importance to developing countries. The results of such analysis will support and reinforce its activities in consensus-building and technical cooperation."

4. Replace current paragraph 10.3 as follows:

"10.4 Among the main objectives of the programme emanating from the outcomes of UNCTAD XI, the examination of development strategies in a globalizing world economy, is the principle task of subprogramme 1. Subprogrammes 2 and 4 will aim to contribute to building productive capacities and international competitiveness, while subprogramme 3 and the trade facilitation component of subprogramme 4 will aim to contribute to assuring development gains from the international trading system and trade negotiations. Development strategies of countries in special situations will be covered under subprogramme 5, while the sectoral concerns of those countries will also be addressed by other subprogrammes. The analytical work on least developed countries will be more effectively mainstreamed. The integration of cross-cutting issues, such as South-South cooperation, poverty alleviation and the gender dimension, will receive the necessary consideration within the context of pursuing the foregoing objectives."

5. Replace current paragraph 10.6 as follows:

"10.7 In an effort to respond better to changing global demand and the required reform of the United Nations, UNCTAD will explore ways and means to contribute effectively to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission, with a view to integrating relevant countries, particularly post-conflict ones, in the global economy. UNCTAD will attempt first of all to take an organic approach that would enable it to address immediately and coherently issues of importance for developing countries facing the global challenges of today. The subprogramme for the development of Africa, least developed countries and countries in special situations, intends to strengthen the subprogramme by maximizing the synergies of research and policy analysis and by taking a coherent approach to the issues of concern to those countries. The issue of science and technology, sine qua non for development today, is addressed in an integrated manner across subprogrammes through a special organizational arrangement. That approach will be further applied to other areas in response to the evolving demands of developing countries facing the challenges of the modern economy. UNCTAD will also try to maximize its contribution by sharpening its role within the international development assistance community. It will focus on enhancing its intellectual contribution, which could be discharged through cooperative effort with other international organizations with greater country presence, or with such external entities as regional institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. Furthermore, UNCTAD will more closely cooperate with other national and international think-tank-like institutions with a view to enhancing its research and analysis while maintaining its intellectual integrity and independence. Finally, it will strive to provide technical assistance in a more organized and streamlined fashion so as to better respond to the changing needs of beneficiaries."

Subprogramme 1
Globalization, interdependence and development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

6. Replace accomplishment (d) as follows: "Improved policy and institutional environment and enhanced international cooperation in the development of the Palestinian economy by strengthening UNCTAD activities in this field through the provision of adequate resources".

Subprogramme 2
Investment, enterprise and technology

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

7. Replace accomplishment (c) as follows: "Improved opportunities for enterprises in developing countries and countries with economies in transition to enhance their competitiveness through effective policy and prudential regulation for expansion of the insurance sector, deepened linkages between domestic and foreign firms and better understanding of emerging issues in accounting and reporting standards, corporate responsibility, transparency and good corporate practices".

Indicators of achievement

8. Replace indicator (c) as follows: "(c) (i) Increased number of countries indicating that policy advice and technical assistance provided by UNCTAD were useful in the design of policies aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of their enterprises". Add new indicator (c) (ii) as follows: "(ii) Increased number of countries indicating effective policy advice and assistance provided by UNCTAD for improving insurance legislation, regulation and sector growth".

Strategy

9. Replace current paragraph 10.9 as follows:

"10.10 The subprogramme is implemented under the responsibility of the Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development. To achieve the objective of the subprogramme, the Division will aim to improve the understanding of issues and policy choices in international investment, enterprise development and technology transfer and will continue to strengthen its role as the major source of comprehensive information and analysis of international investment. It will focus on the development dimension of international investment and technology flows, the interface of global processes and national policymaking and the integration of investment, technology and enterprise-development policies. The Division will also aim to strengthen the capacity of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, at their request, to formulate and implement integrated policies and to participate in discussions relating to international investment, to support efforts by developing countries to build productive capacities and to respond to technological and scientific changes through science and technology reviews, to promote the transfer of technology and innovation and, in the field of insurance, to increase the capacity of developing countries to effectively regulate and upgrade the insurance sector."

Subprogramme 3
International trade

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

10. Replace accomplishment (a) as follows: "Improved understanding and better ability of developing countries, including non-WTO members, to analyse, formulate and implement appropriate trade policies and strategies in international trade, the international trading system and trade negotiations and improved international trading environment, facilitating market access and entry conditions for developing countries' exports".

Indicators of achievement

11. Replace indicator (a) as follows: "Increased number of developing countries, including non-WTO members, actively participating in the international trading system".

12. Replace indicator (b) (ii) as follows: "Increased number of countries and factors covered by the Trade and Development Index".

13. Replace indicator (e) as follows: "Increased number of results-oriented actions taken by developing countries and the international community to enable developing countries to take advantage of trade and investment opportunities while promoting their sustainable development objectives in international discussions or through specific policy measures for them at the national, regional and international levels".

Strategy

14. Replace current paragraph 10.10 as follows:

"10.11 The subprogramme is implemented under the responsibility of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities. To achieve its objectives, the subprogramme will focus on assisting developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, in responding effectively to challenges and opportunities, thereby maximizing the gains from international trade, including South-South trade, in goods and services and from commodity sector development and trade. The evolution of the international trading system and trends in international trade from a development perspective will be monitored and analysed in order to help developing countries develop the capacity to participate effectively in trade negotiations and in dynamic and new sectors of world trade and to formulate relevant policies and strategies, with particular attention paid to the concerns of the least developed countries. The subprogramme will provide a forum for policy discussion and consensus-building on core and emerging issues of international trade, the international trading system and trade negotiations, commodities, trade in goods and services, and new and dynamic sectors of international trade so as to ensure enhanced and predictable market access for the exports of developing countries, support their efforts to build supply capacities, competitiveness and diversification and address adjustment challenges. Special emphasis will be placed on the elaboration or improvement of development benchmarks, including through the Trade and Development Index analytical framework, the identification and quantification of non-tariff barriers, the provision of support to South-South cooperation and trade preferences, WTO accession, dispute settlement, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights and development, competition policies, environmental requirements and biotrade."

Subprogramme 4
Services infrastructure for development, trade efficiency and human resources development

Indicators of achievement

15. Renumber indicator (c) as "(c) (i)".

16. Add new indicator (c) (ii) as follows:

"(c) (ii) Number of government officials trained who consider that paragraph 166 courses (training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda) have significantly contributed to the understanding of key issues on the international economic agenda".

Strategy

17. Replace current paragraph 10.11 as follows:

"10.12 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency. To achieve the objective, the Division will aim to promote access to and capacity to use information and knowledge. UNCTAD assistance to landlocked countries and their transit neighbours will be strengthened, especially policy advice on transit transport agreements and infrastructure. In particular, it will focus on trade-supporting services, including the strengthening of transport efficiency, trade facilitation and customs and legal frameworks; economic applications of information and communication technologies; and development of the capacity of trade and training institutions. It will pursue the objective by: (a) carrying out timely and forward-looking research and analysis; (b) formulating policy recommendations for appropriate development strategies at the national, regional and international levels; (c) fostering dialogue for consensus-building; (d) providing technical assistance upon request; (e) supporting the capacity of trade, transport and training institutions; and (f) strengthening, through increased in-house cooperation and further integration of the work of the train-for-trade programme, the virtual institute, the training courses on key issues on the international economic agenda and other new initiatives. The reports and documents prepared under the subprogramme will be widely disseminated in connection with the provision of advisory services, training and workshops at the national and international levels. Where appropriate, they will draw upon the knowledge gained through technical cooperation activities."

Subprogramme 5

18. Replace the title as follows: "Africa, least developed countries and special programmes".

19. Renumber subtitle A as subtitle B and name as follows: "Least developed countries".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

20. Replace accomplishment (b) as follows: "(b) Better integration of trade policies and priorities in the national development plans through the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries and the building of capacities for country ownership and implementation of the Action Matrices of the enhanced Integrated Framework".

Indicators of achievement

21. Replace indicator (b) as follows: "(b) Increased number of countries making efforts to mainstream their trade policies and priorities into their national development plans as well as concrete implementation of the Action Matrices of the enhanced Integrated Framework".

Strategy

22. Replace current paragraph 10.12 as follows:

"10.14 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes. To achieve the objective, the Division will focus on improving human and institutional capabilities in the least developed countries by: carrying out research and policy analysis; making policy proposals based on such analysis; facilitating intergovernmental discussion on issues relating to the least developed countries, including the status of least developed countries and their smooth graduation; and providing technical assistance based on the specific needs of the countries concerned. The causes of decline in the share of the least developed countries in world trade and the linkages between trade, growth and poverty reduction will continue to be examined through the *Least Developed Countries Report*. UNCTAD technical cooperation activities will be coordinated, taking into account the specific needs of the least developed countries and through participation in the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries and the International Trade Centre/UNCTAD/WTO Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme. The subprogramme will thereby contribute to implementing the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010."

23. Renumber subtitle B as subtitle A and name subtitle as follows: "Development of Africa".

Strategy

24. Replace current paragraph 10.13 as follows:

"10.13 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes. The subprogramme will focus on analytical research to identify issues that have an impact on Africa's economic development and will play an advocacy role in promoting consensus in the international development community on the policy measures that best address Africa's development problems. It will contribute to a better understanding of coherence between international economic rules and national policies and development strategies. The research output will be linked closely to the provision of advisory services, training, workshops and lectures, with a view to strengthening capacity-building activities."

C. Special programmes

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

25. Replace accomplishment (a) as follows: "(a) Enhanced international cooperation to implement the Almaty Programme of Action: addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, and to improve the effective participation of landlocked developing countries, as

well as other groups of countries mentioned in paragraph 33 of the São Paulo Consensus, in the global trading system".

Strategy

26. Replace current paragraph 10.14 as follows:

"10.15 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes. To achieve the objective, the Division will focus on improving human and institutional capabilities in the countries concerned through research and policy analysis and technical assistance based on the specific needs of the countries concerned. The subprogramme will thereby contribute to the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, including the outcome of its review at the international meeting held in Mauritius. The subprogramme, through mainstreaming, will enhance the work on structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies, as stated in paragraph 33 of the São Paulo Consensus."

Annex IV

Observation of and revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, as proposed by three delegations members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. It was observed that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime was currently developing a medium-term strategy, including the identification of key results and the elaboration of performance indicators. In that regard, strong support was reiterated for that important exercise. The view was expressed that the Office's strategy and the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009 should be mutually reinforcing. It was noted by one member State that the work of the Office in support of norms, standards and international conventions, as well as in the areas of research and analysis, should be emphasized.

2. Observations were also made concerning subprogrammes 1 and 3 as follows:

(a) With regard to subprogramme 1, Research, analysis and advocacy, in particular expected accomplishment (b), it was proposed that consideration should be given to having "the extent of technical assistance granted" as a possible indicator of achievement;

(b) As to subprogramme 3, Technical assistance and advice, its expected accomplishments (a), (b) and (c) and the related indicators of achievement, it was stated that "the observed increases in the number of countries are not due to technical assistance and advice by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime" and it was suggested that "perhaps the language of the indicators of achievement needs to reflect that increases are the result of technical assistance and advice provided by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime."

3. The wish was expressed to see a number of editorial and other changes to the proposed strategic framework, as follows:

(a) Overall orientation

(i) In paragraph 13.6, the beginning of the sentence until the colon should read, "The work programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime consists of";

(ii) Paragraph 13.6 (a) should read, "Research and analytical work to increase knowledge and understanding of drug and crime issues and to expand the evidence base for making policy and operational decisions";

(b) Subprogramme 1, Research, analysis and advocacy

(i) Delete references to terrorism in the subprogramme;

(c) Subprogramme 2, Services for policymaking and treaty adherence

(i) Replace the objective of the Organization with the following text: "to facilitate policymaking on the issues related to drug control and crime in all its forms and manifestations and the ratification of and compliance with related drug control, crime and terrorism treaties ..." The reference to terrorism at the beginning of the objective is deleted, as that is the mandate of the Counter-

Terrorism Committee, with support from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate;

(ii) Delete references to "prevention of terrorism" in the indicators of achievement;

(d) Subprogramme 3, Technical assistance and advice

(i) Expected accomplishment (d) should read, "Reduction in illicit crop cultivation through alternative development, sustainable livelihoods and credible law enforcement programmes";

(ii) Indicator of achievement (d) should read, "Increased access of affected countries to advisory services and technical assistance for integrated alternative development programmes, including comprehensive alternative development".